

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 CAPE T 00975 131511Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04
H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01
SP-02 SS-15 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 ACDA-10
DHA-02 /090 W

-----131515Z 049756 /45

O R 131255Z JUN 77
FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6256
AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

UNCLAS CAPE TOWN 0975

E.O.11652:N/A
TAGS/ MARR, SF, WA
SUB: SUNDAY TIMES STORY ON CAPE TOWN TALKS AND
OFFICIAL DENIAL

1. FOLLOWING CONTACT GROUP TALKS IN CAPE TOWN, JOHANNESBURG-
BASED BUT NATIONALLY CIRCULATED SUNDAY TIMES OF JUNE 12 CARRIED
LEAD STORY BY JOURNALIST FLEUR DE VILLIERS WITH BANNER HEAD-
LINE "TROOPS WILL QUIT SWA." MAJOR POINT OF STORY WAS THAT
SOUTH AFRICA HAD AGREED TO WITHDRAW ITS ARMED FORCES FROM
SOUTH WEST AFRICA, WITH LAST TROOPS TO LEAVE TERRITORY PRIOR
TO DATE OF INDEPENDENCE. TEXT OF ARTICLE NOTES THAT S.A.
TROOPS COULD REMAIN IF INVITED BY INDEPENDENT NAMIBIAN
GOVERNMENT. OTHER SOUTH AFRICAN CONCESSIONS WERE LISTED AS:
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 CAPE T 00975 131511Z

(A) AGREEMENT TO APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL, PRO-
BABLY A SOUTH AFRICAN JUDGE, TO ADMINISTER TERRITORY UNTIL
INDEPENDENCE, (B) AGREEMENT TO PERMIT UN MACHINERY WHICH
"THE WEST BELIEVES WILL NEUTRALIZE THE POLITICAL ROLE OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PRESENCE AND POLICY DURING THE
ELECTION PERIOD," AND (C) SPPOINTMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL
PANEL OF JURISTS CONSISTING OF TWO SOUTH AFRICAN APPOINTEES

AND TWO APPOINTED BY UN SECRETARY GENERAL TO DECIDE ON WHICH SWA PRISONERS ARE POLITICAL AND WHICH ARE CRIMINAL. ISSUES STILL UNRESOLVED INCLUDE TIMETABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF S.A. PUBLIC SERVICE, QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY, AND TIMETABLE FOR ELECTIONS. LAST POINT IS NOTED AS "CHIEF REMAINING POINT OF DISPUTE," WITH S.A. WANTING TO PUCH AHEAD AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND THE WESTERN POWERS PREFERRING THREE TO SIX MONTHS TO SET UP ELECTION MACHINERY AND ASSURE INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF PROCESS. ON POLITICAL PRISONERS S.A. SAID TO BE DETERMINED NOT TO RELEASE PRISONERS UNTIL IT IS CERTAIN THAT TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA WILL RELEASE SWAPO MEMBERS IN DETENTION. DESPITE REMAINING PROBLEMS, ALL PARTIES SAID TO BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. "PACKAGE DEAL" WILL NOW HAVE TO BE ACCPETED BY UN, WITH SECRETARY GENERAL REQUIRING FORMAL MANDATE FROM SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE PROCEEDING. UN INVOLVEMENT WILL BE "EXTENSIVE" AND UN REPRESENTATIVE AND HIS STAFF WILL WORK IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL.

2. CAPE TOWN MORNING PRESS OF JUNE 13 CARRIED FULL TEXT OF STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PIK BOTHA DENYING SUNDAY TIMES REPORT. TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE MY ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO A FRONT-PAGE REPORT IN A SOUTH AFRICAN SUNDAY NEWSPAPER TODAY ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING SOUTH WEST AFRICA HELD IN CAPE TOWN THIS WEEK BETWEEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT AND DELEGATES OF THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS REPRESENTED IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 CAPE T 00975 131511Z

THE REPORT IS PROMINENTLY HEADLINED "TROOPS WILL QUIT SOUTH WEST AFRICA."

THIS STATEMENT IS UNTRUE, UNWARRANTED AND HARMFUL TO THE PROCESS OF ENDEAVOURING TO FIND AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA.

IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA TO DECIDE ON THEIR OWN INTERNAL ARRANGEMENTS AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS.

THEY WILL ELECT A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND THAT ASSEMBLY WILL DECIDE ON A CONSTITUTION WHICH IN TURN WILL FORM THE BASIS FOR ELECTIONS TO CONSTITUTE A GOVERNMENT FOR THE TERRITORY.

IT WILL BE THE REPOSIBILITY OF THIS GOVERNMENT, IN ADVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE, TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON A LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLICATED ISSUES SUCH AS THE SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS, THE USE OF THE

PORT OF WALVIS BAY, DEBTS INCURRED IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENTAL
PLANS AND PROJECTS, COMMUNICATIONS, TRADE, FINANCE,
SOCIAL, TECHNICAL, HEALTH AND SECURITY SERVICES.

THE ENTITY OR AUTHORITY MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED
BY THESE MATTERS, NAMELY, THE ENVISAGED GOVERNMENT FOR
THE TERRITORY, IS NOT YET IN EXISTENCE.

IT CERTAINLY IS NOT THE TASK NOR THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF INDIVIDUAL COMMENTATORS TO TAKE THESE DECISIONS OR TO
IMPLY THAT DECISIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN ON THEM.

I EARNESTLY APPEAL TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSIST
US IN THIS MOST DIFFICULT TASK OF FINDING A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION TO THE 31-YEAR OLD DISPUTE OVER SOUTH WEST AFRICA
AND NOT TO THROW A SPANNER IN THE WORKS UNQUOTE.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 CAPE T 00975 131511Z

BOWDLER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, TROOP DEPLOYMENT, ALLEGATIONS, POLITICAL CONCESSIONS, GOVERNMENT REACTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977CAPET00975
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770210-0450
Format: TEL
From: CAPE TOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770664/aaaacefa.tel
Line Count: 140
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: e8394f7e-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2179966
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SUNDAY TIMES STORY ON CAPE TOWN TALKS AND OFFICIAL DENIAL
TAGS: MARR, SOPN, SF, WA, (BOTH, PIK)
To: STATE BONN
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/e8394f7e-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009